Readability is important because programmers spend the majority of their time reading, trying to understand, reusing and modifying existing source code, rather than writing new source code..  
Many factors, having little or nothing to do with the ability of the computer to efficiently compile and execute the code, contribute to readability.  
 Debugging is a very important task in the software development process since having defects in a program can have significant consequences for its users.  
 Some languages are very popular for particular kinds of applications, while some languages are regularly used to write many different kinds of applications.  
 In the 1880s, Herman Hollerith invented the concept of storing data in machine-readable form.  
However, readability is more than just programming style.  
  
 Computer programming or coding is the composition of sequences of instructions, called programs, that computers can follow to perform tasks.  
  
The first compiler related tool, the A-0 System, was developed in 1952 by Grace Hopper, who also coined the term 'compiler'.  
 Following a consistent programming style often helps readability.  
 Whatever the approach to development may be, the final program must satisfy some fundamental properties.  
For example, when a bug in a compiler can make it crash when parsing some large source file, a simplification of the test case that results in only few lines from the original source file can be sufficient to reproduce the same crash.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
 A similar technique used for database design is Entity-Relationship Modeling (ER Modeling).  
 Popular modeling techniques include Object-Oriented Analysis and Design (OOAD) and Model-Driven Architecture (MDA).  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.